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EA FOR SHERMAN

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJ: GAO STUDY OF LABOR COSTS

REF: CONUSJAPAN 190100Z MAY 77

1. WE HAVE REPEATED SEPARATELY REFTEL REGISTERING CONCERN ABOUT THE TIMING OF GAO STUDY AS IT RELATES TO MILITARY LABOR-COST NEGOTIATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GAO TEAM HAS STRESSED ITS INTEREST IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS IN ITS DISCUSSIONS AT CINCPAC AND HAS SAID IT HOPES TO EXAMINE OUR PROPOSALS TO GOJ.

2. WE UNDERSTAND INTEREST OF COMMITTEE AND WE WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE ABOUT GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH GAO TEAM OF LABOR-COST SITUATION AND OUR NEGOTIATING APPROACH. WE ARE, HOWEVER, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPACT OF GAO STUDY ON GOJ. OUR EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT TEAM'S PRESENCE AND GENERAL AREA OF INTEREST WOULD BECOME KNOWN WITH CHILLING EFFECT ON GOJ APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS. THESE NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ON GOJ SIDE NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC POLITICS BUT ALSO AMONG MINISTRIES INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY FINANCE MINISTRY UPON WHICH ULTIMATE DEGREE OF SUCCESS MAY DEPEND.

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3. BELIEVE, THEREFORE, US SIDE SHOULD AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH COULD ADD TO CAUTIOUSNESS WITH WHICH GOJ ALREADY APPROACHING THIS SUBJECT AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ASPECT OF GAO STUDY.

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